

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

**SUBJECT: PARENTAL INPUT IN THE ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The Members of the Miami-Dade County School Board are public servants elected by the voters of Miami-Dade County to represent them in issues related to public education. It is the duty of the School Board to be the voice of the community during the educational process. This School Board welcomes parental involvement and engagement, for we strongly believe in the important role of parents in the education of their children. Parental input and feedback are essential to inform the Board's decisions.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1006.283 and Board Policy 2510, the School Board must approve the adoption of instructional materials recommended for various class curricula. The adoption process includes the selection of instructional materials reviewers, at least one of whom must be a parent of a child enrolled in the District. Due to the significance of these materials in the classroom, it is in the best interest of the Board, our school district and community that we make every effort to raise parental awareness, encourage parental participation, and pursue parental input, as means to guide and enhance the Board's decision-making when considering instructional materials.

This Board item seeks to direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the School Board Attorney where needed, to review existing district processes, procedures, and policies regarding the adoption of instructional materials in order to identify opportunities for increased parental awareness, input, and feedback, including but not limited to broadening and strengthening means of communication with parents to inform parents of the availability of recommended instructional materials for public review and offer parents opportunities to provide feedback to the Board; review existing district processes for informing parents of their rights concerning the adoption of recommended instructional materials, as appropriate; and initiate policymaking, if needed, to increase parental input and feedback during the process of adoption of instructional materials.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda as the Board became aware of the issues addressed in this item during Board discussion after the publication of the Agenda.

**Good Cause  
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This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent of Schools, in consultation with the School Board Attorney where needed, to:

1. review existing district processes, procedures, and policies regarding the adoption of instructional materials in order to identify opportunities for increased parental awareness, input, and feedback, including but not limited to broadening and strengthening means of communication with parents to inform parents of the availability of recommended instructional materials for public review and offer parents opportunities to provide feedback to the Board;
2. review existing district processes for informing parents of their rights concerning the adoption of recommended instructional materials, as appropriate;
3. initiate policymaking, if needed, to increase parental input and feedback during the process of adoption of instructional materials; and
4. report back to the School Board at the Personnel, Student, School and Community Support Committee Meeting of July 13, 2022.